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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: Unknown

Application No.: 10/026,653

Examiner: Unknown

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Docket No.: 111594

For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING A MOLECULAR FILM  
PATTERN (AS AMENDED)

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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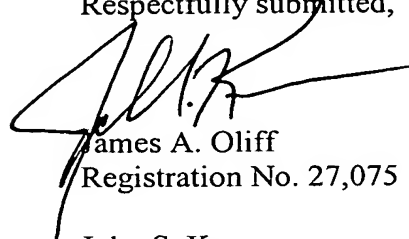
Sir:

In reply to the June 2, 2003 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect  
Group I, claims 1-14, 16, 18, 22, drawn to a method for manufacturing a molecular film  
pattern, classified in class 430, subclass 322, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-23 is  
sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims  
would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is  
respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be  
made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and  
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must  
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions"  
(emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present  
application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative  
examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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